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Docket No: 2309/OJ726

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Box PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Enclosed please find an application for United States patent as identified below:

Inventor/s (name ALL inventors): Hiroo HAYASHI; Kodai FURUYA

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPENING CONTINUOUS FILAMENTS

including the items indicated:

1. Specification and 11 claims: 2 indep.; 9 dep.; multiple dep.;
including 23 page(s) of written description; 4 page(s) of claims;
1 page(s) of abstract.
2. ☒ Drawings, 8 sheets (Figs. 1-8)
3. ☒ Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney
☐ Unexecuted Declaration/Power of Attorney
4. ☐ Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. §1.76.

FILED "JUN 26 2001" NEW YORK

5. ☒ Assignment for recording to: UNI-CHARM CORPORATION

☐ Assignment was recorded at Reel No. , Frame No. , on .

☐ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.215(b), please print the following assignment information on the face of the published application:

Assignee: UNI-CHARM CORPORATION

6. ☐ The applicant claims small entity status.

7. ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(b) of:

Country: Japan
Number: 2000-265458
Date: September 1, 2000

A certified copy of the prior document ☒ is enclosed ☐ will follow
☐ was filed in a previous application.

8. ☐ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of:

Number:
Date:

9. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i) for Nonpublication.

10. ☒ Payment in amount of \$750.00, (\$710.00 filing; \$40.00 recording)

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(See attached **Fee Computation Sheet**)

11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

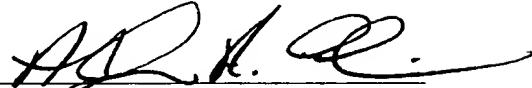
13. ☐ Nucleotide or Amino Acid Sequence Listing.

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Respectfully submitted,



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PATENT FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

	No. of Claims Presented	Extra Claims Previously Paid For	Number of Extra Claims	Rate
Basic Fee				\$710.00
Total Claims	11 - 20	- 0 = 0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1 - 3	- 0 = 0	x \$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims		- if so, add	\$270.00	\$0.00
Surcharge for late submission of filing fee and/or declaration (\$130.00)				\$0.00
SUBTOTAL				\$710.00
[] Small Entity REDUCTION (Half of Subtotal)				\$0.00
Fee for recordation of assignment (\$40.00)				\$40.00
Charge for filing non-English language application (\$130.00)				\$0.00
TOTAL				\$750.00